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Honorable Magistrate Judge Wayne D. Brazil
United States District Court
Northern District of California
1301 Clay Street
Suite 400S
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: U.S. v. Richards, 08-0194 SBA

Dear Magistrate Judge Brazil,

Today I filed a Motion to Withdraw as counsel for James Richards in the above-entitled action, and hereby request a date on your calendar for Appointment of Counsel for Mr. Richards. To the best of my knowledge, he filed a financial affidavit attesting to his indigence when he first appeared in your courtroom in April 11, 2008.

I was informed by Ivy Garcia that I should request a calendar date for Monday, June 9, but unfortunately I am unable to come at 10 a.m. on that date, as I am in trial. However, I will be in Oakland on Tuesday, June 10 for the hearing on the above Motion in Judge Armstrong's courtroom at 10:00 a.m. I therefore request that Mr. Richard's Appointment of Counsel be set at the same time and date, 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 10, 2008.

Please contact me if there is anything else I can or should do to help Mr. Richards obtain new counsel. My cell phone is (415) 385-5907. Thank you for your attention.

Very Truly Yours,

/s/Patrick A. Swillinger